

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION RE: MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING AND MERIT PLAN**

- WHEREAS:** The elected City Council represents the citizens of Dover; and
- WHEREAS:** Some Councilors have questions about the propriety, legality and method of payment of said Memorandums of Understanding benefits and also to the adoption process of the “Merit Plan” and
- WHEREAS:** The sole Counsel thus far has been offered only by the City Manager as author and by the representative of the author of said Memorandums of Agreement and Master Plan, and
- WHEREAS:** The City Council desires to solicit an “arms-length” neutral opinion on said issues; and
- WHEREAS:** The citizens of Dover are owed a comprehensive, neutral and complete understanding of the Memorandums of Understanding.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

Funds are to be used from the reserves to seek and eventually retain the services of a neutral professional by advertising for responses to a Request for Qualifications for an individual who will receive the full cooperation of the entire City of Dover Administrative staff who will engage in a fact-finding project to gather evidence and render opinions on past practices and agreements as to compliance with all existing NH and City of Dover statutory requirements, and with regard to propriety and adherence to “normal due process” practices and a determination as to whether any “conflict of interest” issues have been resolved in the decision making process; and

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

There immediately be placed advertisements for a fact-finder with qualifications including but not necessarily limited to the following:

Candidates must demonstrate:

1. A background in NH Municipal Law;
2. A background in NH Labor Law;
3. A background in the General Laws of the State of New Hampshire

Candidates should be:

1. Experienced in Public Employee Labor Contracts
2. Experienced in Powers and Duties of local legislative and appointed entities
3. Non-residents of the State of New Hampshire

Approved as to form:

Sponsored by:

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